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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
YUKIYOSHI HIKICHI) : Examiner: Not Yet Known
Application No.: 09/745,480) : Group Art Unit: 2622
Filed: December 26, 2000) :
For: IMAGE PROCESSING) :
APPARATUS, CONTROL) :
METHOD THEREFOR,) :
AND IMAGE PROCESSING) :
SYSTEM) February 21, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under
37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under
37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is
directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form
PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

European patent application EP 0 893 766 A2 is an
English language counterpart of Japanese patent document
JP11-45225.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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Respectfully submitted,



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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
	EP	0893766A	01/27/99	EPO	G06F	13/362	
	JP	6-111019	04/22/94	JAPAN	G06F	15/70	Abstract
	JP	11-045225	02/16/99	JAPAN	G06F	13/362	Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		

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